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Dear Friends

I am honored and humbled to address our Hoosier Veterans on this 12th annual *Proud to be an American Patriotic Boat Parade and Celebration in the Park*. What a great opportunity the city of Monticello has provided to honor the military men and women who have sacrificed so much to keep this the greatest nation in the history of the world.

My father grew up in Boswell, Indiana not too far from Monticello, served 30 years in the Air Force and retired as a Colonel. My brother also served 30 years in the Air Force and also retired as a Colonel. My parents raised us with the same strong sense of patriotism and pride that burns in every one of your hearts. Together you have demonstrated the resolve, tenacity and grit that has come to define the United States Military and kept us safe all these years. You know all too well the sacrifices required to continue to live in the "Land of the Free" and preserve this nation for generations to come.

Please know that I am eternally grateful for my extraordinary brothers and sisters in arms; your strength and courage have always inspired me. Today's celebration is to honor you, and your heroic actions and to say thank you from a grateful nation.

Thank you also to the organizers who have worked so hard to honor our service men and women; God Bless you and God Bless America!

  
BRADLEY D. SPACY  
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